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1. [] ship was in the port of Nakhodka [] 25X1
 Nakhodka is a Soviet port in the Maritime Province of the USSR, on the Sea of Japan, approximately 80 miles north of Vladivostok. It appeared to be newly constructed port built in a cove with hills surrounding the port area. Construction of the port was apparently not completed. The harbor area was shaped somewhat like a boot with newly-built concrete piers jutting out from the shore, from the toe around the heel and farther out along the back part of the boot in the direction of the sea (see sketches Nos. 1 and 2). 25X1
2. [] ship sailed into the harbor at approximately seven knots, and it took about 45 minutes to sail from the entrance of the port to the pier where the ship docked. [] the distance was approximately 11 to 12 miles between these two points. 25X1 25X1
3. A small hilly island was situated at the entrance to the harbor. There were a few stone houses located on top of the hill on the island. Several soldiers wearing fur overcoats were observed on the roofs of the houses. In front of the houses there was a lighthouse which was painted white (see sketch No. 3). Looking at the harbor entrance from the sea, [] the island was located closer to the land on the left side of the harbor mouth. Ships were entering and departing on the right hand side of the island. 25X1 25X1 25X1
4. [] approximately four minutes after entering the harbor, [] Soviet naval vessel [] at a pier on the left side of the harbor entrance. The ship was about 200 feet in length and was about 2,000 tons. It had two stacks, and one round and two rectangular-shaped radar installations on the mainmast. Two guns, each in separate turrets, were observed on the foredeck, and there was one gun in a turret on the afterdeck. The type and color of the ship was similar to American naval vessels observed in Hong Kong. (See Sketch No. 4) 25X1
5. On the shore in back of the pier where naval vessel [] was docked, [] a stone wall occupying an area approximately 300 feet square; the wall was built into the hillside at a point about 100 feet from the bank. [] 25X1 25X1

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[] two tunnel entrances in the face of the stone wall. They appeared to be so constructed that they could be used as gun emplacements. They were about 20 feet apart, [] each entrance was about ten feet high and six feet wide. There were also five or six houses on top of the hill, which was about 500 feet high. On the roof of the fourth house there was a rectangular wire screen on a metal pole. The screen was about ten feet wide and about four feet high. [] it was a radar installation. From that point, there were approximately 30 poles strung with wire; the poles extended back into the hills in the direction of the town.

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6. About fifteen minutes after passing the pier with naval vessel [] a ship under repair at a dock on the opposite side of the harbor. Only the mast part of the ship was visible; the mast appeared to be the type installed on naval vessels. 25X1 25X1
7. Two large floating drydocks were observed at a point about 100 feet from shore just beyond the front of the repair dock. [] the drydocks were over 500 feet in length. Two small ships were under repair in one of the drydocks, but there were no ships in the other dock. 25X1
8. Five submarines were observed at piers located at the farthest point in the harbor, in the toe part of the boot. [] (see sketch No. 5 for a sketch of one of the submarines). 25X1 25X1
9. At a pier near the piers with the submarines, [] a large unarmed naval transport which was painted the same color as a naval vessel. The transport was loading wooden boxes from two barges. (See sketch No. 6 for a sketch of the ship.) 25X1
10. [] 30 cargo ships in the harbor during the period [] all the ships were Soviet. The largest ships were estimated to be slightly more than 4,000 tons and the smallest were no less than 1,000 tons. 25X1 25X1
11. Two sections of the harbor area were restricted. One section was the area in which the submarines were berthed and the other was the area where the tunnels were built into the face of the hill and where the naval vessel No. 195 was docked.
12. In the area in back of the pier where [] ship was moored, there was a long gravel highway which ran through the town. The town itself appeared to be a small town with dirt streets. Most of the houses were of primitive construction; approximately ninety percent of the houses were made of rock and mud while the rest were constructed of lumber. There did not appear to be any particular concentration of houses; they seemed to be scattered over the area in a somewhat confused manner. Along the highway at the bottom of the hills surrounding the port area, there were several small factories with chimneys made of stone. Heavy dark smoke was observed coming from the chimneys. 25X1
13. [] two stores in Nakhodka. Canned goods and bread were available in the stores. In addition, several street vendors were observed selling bread and melon seeds. Over twenty persons were observed standing in line to make purchases at one store, while the other store did not appear to be doing any business. A Chinese seaman on a foreign ship attempted to purchase some bread from one of the street vendors but was refused, because no sales could be made to anyone without a ration card. Crewmen were allowed to purchase rubles from their ship's administrative office; however, they were unable to buy anything while ashore. The exchange rate was equivalent to four rubles to one US dollar. The price of an egg was one and one-half rubles, which was equivalent to two Hong Kong dollars, apiece. A pair of poorly made shoes cost slightly over 300 rubles. 25X1

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14. The buildings and equipment in use at the piers were very modern. Cargoes being taken in or out of the warehouses were transported on trucks. It required only a few workers to load the cargo onto the trucks. The receiving clerks at the piers were Soviet women, [redacted] that most of the inhabitants of Nakhodka were employed at the piers. 25X1

15. The inhabitants of Nakhodka, all of whom were Soviets, appeared to be poorly dressed. The temperature was about 20 degrees below zero and the ground was covered with snow. Very few men observed on the street were wearing fur overcoats or fur hats. Some of the women were wearing boots with flannel lining, cloth aprons, and bandannas. Some women were wearing short overcoats and other assorted articles of clothing.

16. There were buses available for transportation inland. They were painted red and were similar to the type used in Tientsin. No passenger cars were observed although quite a few trucks were observed. The trucks appeared to be used exclusively for transporting cargo. The electric lights in Nakhodka appeared to be very dim, as if there was not sufficient electric power.

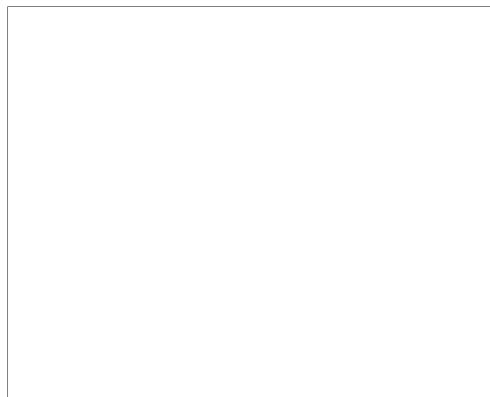
17. [redacted] did not observe any soldiers in Nakhodka. However, there were policemen who wore yellow flannel uniforms and black flannel overcoats. They were armed with pistols and had a strip of green cloth insignia on their shoulder. 25X1

18. [redacted] ILLEGIB

1. [redacted] Comment: Nakhodka is located 48 miles east-northeast of Vladivostok. 25X1

2. [redacted] Comment: Available maps indicate that the port at the entrance to the harbor is Novitokogo Island, but that it is located to the right of the harbor entrance. 25X1

3. [redacted] Comment: No indication was given as to the actual employment of this individual other than he was described as an interpreter and guide. It may be that he is actually employed at some other occupation and that his employment as a guide was a sideline. 25X1



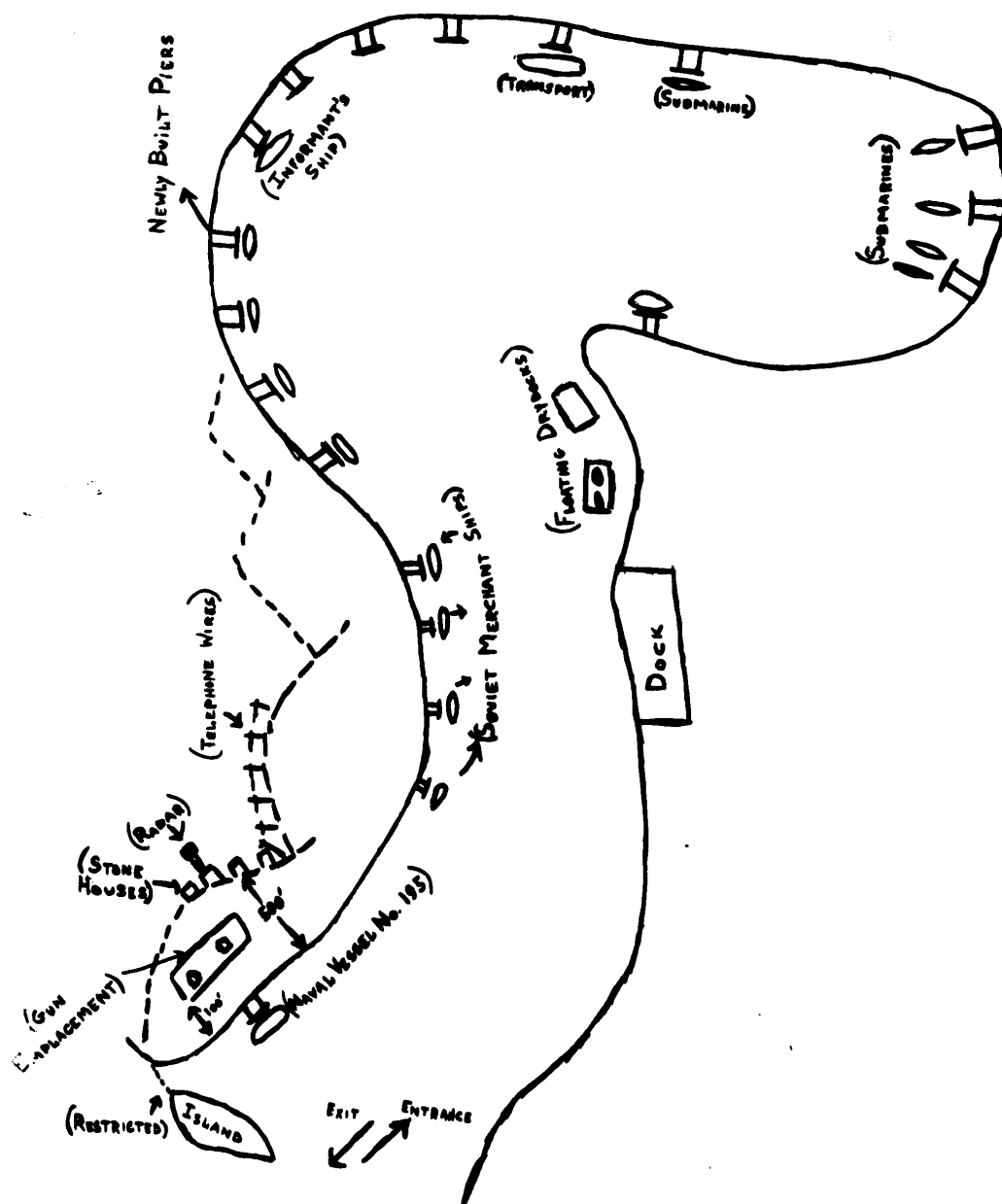
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Sketch of Nakhodka Harbor:



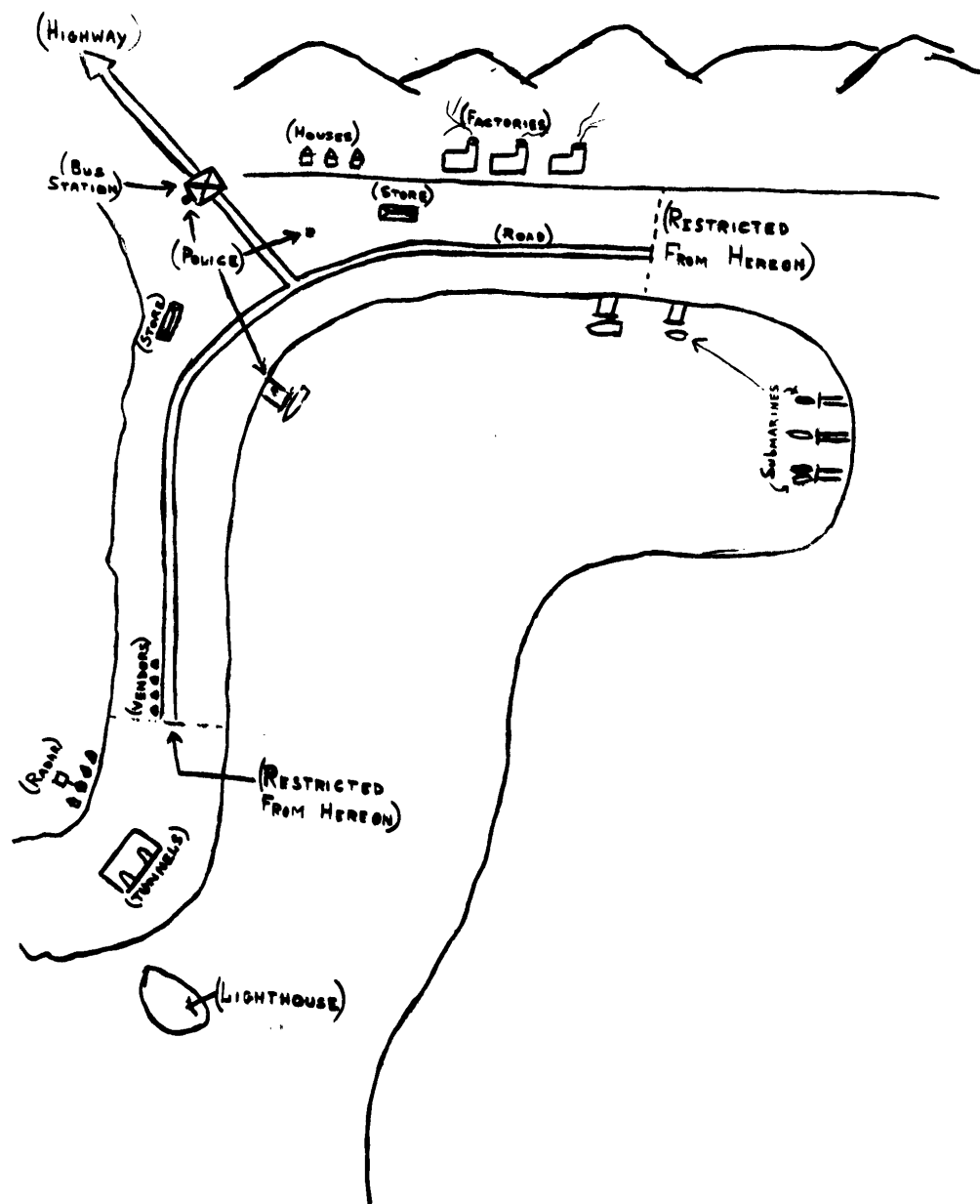
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Sketch No. 2:
Sketch of Nakhodka Harbor:



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Sketch No. 3:
Sketch of Island at Harbor Entrance:



Sketch No. 4:
Sketch of Soviet Naval Vessel:



Sketch No. 5:
Sketch of Soviet Submarine:



Sketch No. 6:
Sketch of Soviet Transport:



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